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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The specification contains numerous lines with no or improper spacing between words causing difficulty when reading and prosecuting this case. The following are just some examples (Page 2, Lns. 4, 12, 22, page 4, Ln. 12, page 6, Ln. 24, Page 7, Ln. 12, page 8, 22, page 9, Lns. 9-10, 12, 15, 19, page 10, Ln. 21, page 11, Lns. 5,12, 16, page 12, Lns. 3, 22, page 13, Ln. 20, page 14, Ln. 7, page 16, 25, page 22, Lns. 9, 14). There is also a large black line across each page (See enclosure (1)). Due to this problem causing difficulty in making future amendments the examiner requires this to be corrected by a substitute specification prior to examination. This problem seems to be a recurrent and the examiner asks the applicant's representative to correct this error prior to submitting future applications. Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (571) 272-4406. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone

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number is (571) 272-4415. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

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